1.1.1.1. *The Phoneme Level*

Wahgi has 17 consonant phonemes occurring at bilabial, dental, alveolar, and velar points of articulation. Obstruent phonemes contrast in manner of articulation as to prenasalization versus non-prenasalization. Obstruents and nasals contrast at bilabial, dental, alveolar, and velar; and semi-vowels at bilabial and alveolar points of articulation.

1.1.1.1.1. Wahgi has 6 vowel phonemes. High, mid and low positioned vowels contrast at front and back positions.

1.1.1.1.2.

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Consonants	Bilabial	Dental	Alveolar	Velar
Oral Obstruents	p	s̪	t	k
Prenasalized Obstruents	mb	n̪d̪z̪	nd	ŋg
Nasals	m	n̪	n	ŋ
Laterals		l̪	l	l̇
Semi-vowels	w		y	

Vowels	Front	Back
High	i	u
Mid	ɪ	o
Low	e	a

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